request that might have been made in the address so far as we have seen; because in the Standing Finance Committee we tried our best to ascertain whether there was any request for any grant at any time subsequent to the refusal Not even a reply to the petition, that they wanted to wait upon the Diwan (*Hear, hear*). I am rather sorry to find that the note circulated for the information of the Members of the Standing Finance Committee is worded in rather, what shall I say, guarded words. "Permission was given for the construction of an office building for the use of the Chittur Municipality at a convenient place midway between Chittur and Tattamangalam. An estimate for Rs. 13,000 has been sanctioned and the Council has already taken up the work. In view of the limited resources of the Council, it is proposed to give a contribution of Rs. 10,000". What is the limited resource? What is the point which shows that they are not resourceful enough to complete the building for which they have already provided Rs. 7,000? It is so worded to show that the thing had been granted. On the strength of the promise they have already taken up work and so it will be rather hard to refuse them now. It is to suggest that meaning that this phraseology is used, that permission was granted and that work was already begun. Surely work was already taken up. They have provided money and they will be going on with the work also. Therefore it goes without saying that it is not because of the true appreciation of the difficulties of Municipalities, that they stand in need of help in proper and legitimate lines of encouragement, that this has been granted but on account of some other thing, of course, which I am not in a position to ascertain what it is now. Now only one word more. That is with regard to the amount I have put down. The amount by which the allotment is to be reduced is Rs. 93.

Deputy President—Why 93?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I want to explain why I put it down as Rs. 93. It is the amount spent already by the Government for enabling the Diwan to make this announcement at Chittur. 124 miles by roads to and fro at 6 annas is Rs. 93. It was openly said that His Highness was graciously pleased to make that contribution. I do not want to stand in the way of His Highness' benevolence even to the extent of a single pie. But as Rs. 93 has already been spent out of Rs. 10,000 I wanted to reduce the Rs. 10,000 by Rs. 93, and nothing more. Now one word. The Diwan has been pleased to make an announcement, not only to the sister Municipalities of Cochin but even to

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the people of Cochin, upon a well-known principle. I do not know whether anybody stood in need of that announcement, because the announcement, though it runs to so many lines, comes only to this that both the Government and the Municipal Councils are actuated by the same motive, as if, there was anybody who did not realise this position of the Municipality as well as of the Government. Following the precedent, I also want to impress not only upon the people of Cochin and the sister Municipalities but the Government also that that Government money is not money to be distributed at the sweet will and pleasure of Government without considerations of appropriateness, reasonableness and justice.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.—എനിക്കും ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി രണ്ടു വാക്കു പറയാതിരിപ്പാൻ തരമില്ല. സാധാരണ മാഗളപത്രം സമർപ്പിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിനു് ചില മദപടികൾ പറയുക പതിവാണു്. ചില സമയം ഒരു കുരങ്ങനും കുഴതയും വഴി മദ്ധ്യേ കൂട്ടിമുട്ടിയപ്പോൾ പരസ്പരം ചെയ്ത ആത്മപ്രശംസപോലെയാണു് ആ മദപടിയുടെ പോക്കു്. കുഴത പറഞ്ഞു "അഹോരൂപം എന്തൊരു സൌന്ദര്യമാണു് തനിക്കുള്ളതു്." ഉടനെ കുരങ്ങൻ മദപടി പറഞ്ഞു. 'അഹോഗാനം' തന്റെ ശബ്ദം എങ്ങനെയും മധുരമായ പാട്ടാണു്. നീ വളരെ വെളുത്തിരിക്കുന്നു വന്ന കുരങ്ങൻ വീണ്ടും തട്ടിവിട്ടു. ഇതുപോലെ മുനിസിപ്പൽ അഡ്രസിനു മദപടി പറയുന്നതിനു് ആക്ഷം ആക്ഷേപമില്ല. ആ അഡ്രസു കേട്ടു സന്തോഷിച്ചു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടുപണം സൌജന്യമായി നല്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ അർത്ഥമില്ല. ഇതു കേട്ടപ്പോൾ എനിക്കു ഓർമ്മവന്നതു് മലയാളത്തിൽ പറയാറുള്ള ഒരു പഴഞ്ചൊല്ലാണു്, "കൊട്ടിലെ മരം, തേവരുടെ ആന; പിടിയെടാ പിടി, വലിയെടാ വലി". ഇങ്ങിനെ ഒരു കൌൺസിലുള്ളതു് അദ്ദേഹം മറന്നുപോയോ, എന്നാണു എനിക്കു സംശയം. മേലാൽ മംഗളപത്രത്തിനു് ഇത്തരം വ്യാഖ്യാനം ആരും ചെയ്യുകയില്ലെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. വേണമെങ്കിൽ കയ്യിനാൽ കൊടുത്തുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. സർക്കാർ പണം കൊടുത്തുകൂടാ. ഒരിക്കലും ഞങ്ങൾ അനുവദിക്കയില്ല.

Deputy President.—Do you press your Rs. 93 cut?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon—No, Sir.

The total omission of the additional grant of Rs. 10,000 under XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—Contribution to Municipalities was put and carried.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Poll, Sir.

The house divided: Ayes 20, Noes 11 and neutrals 5.

Ayes.

1	Mr. V. Achyuta Menon	11	Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen
2	,, I. E. Ambooken	12	,, C. A. Kunjunni Raja
3	,, K. Ayyappan	13	,, C. V. Kurian
4	,, P. C. Chanchan	14	,, C. J. Mathew
5	,, A. Eachara Menon	15	,, K. Mohomed Seethi
6	,, E. Ikkanda Wariar	16	,, Ouseph P. Kundukulam
7	,, K P. Kannan Nayar	17	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
8	,, P. Krishna Menon	18	Dr. A. R Menon

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9	Mr. T. K. Nayar	19	Mr. A. B. Salem
10	,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan	20	,, Thomas Manjuran

Noes.

1	Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon
2	,, U. Kandar Menon
3	,, T. K. Krishna Menon
4	,, T. M. Krishna Menon
5	,, K. Krishna Pisharodi
6	,, T. S. Narayana Ayyar
7	,, P. Nilakanta Menon
8	Rama Varmha Tampuran
9	Mr. I. Raman Menon
10	,, K. Ramunni Menon
11	Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese

Neutrals.

1	Mr. M. A. Chakko
2	Dr. A. G. Menon
3	Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar
4	Mrs. G. Pavitran
5	Dr. E. A. Veigas

The Motion carried, the Deputy President too remaining neutral. The denand was, therefore, not put to votes.

(12) XXVII—Public Works—Rs. 16,000,

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 16,000 for providing accommodation consequent on the creation of an Additional District Judge's Court in Ernakulam.

As the Members are aware, the accommodation afforded by the Chief Court buildings is meagre even to satisfy the present requirements and as a result there is already considerable inconvenience to all concerned. The Members can then fancy how much more difficult it would be to house the new Additional Court also in the same buildings. The matter was gone into carefully and it was thought necessary to construct, in this connection, an entirely new building to the east of the present Chief Court buildings.

The necessity for this additional building was not apparent when the Budget of this year was framed.

I request that the House will, therefore, sanction this demand for the supplementary grant of Rs. 16,000.

Deputy President.—There is a motion in your name, Mr. Salem, for the omission of the whole allotment.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We want to get some information.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—By way of information, whether the exact location has been fixed upon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The present proposal is to locate it partly in the Bar Association compound and partly

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outside. So, a portion of the Bar Association compound will be taken up.

Mr. P. Krishan Menon.—Will there be any intervening space between the present Chief Court buildings and the new building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There will be a road.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—And then by way of information What is the extent and what are the offices to be located there in the new building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At present, the order is that we have to provide for the Additional Court. There have been proposals to the effect that the Taluk Office may be shifted and the space occupied by the Taluk Office may be used for the Additional Court. There is also another proposal that the Office of the Anchal Superintendent and the Anchal Office may also be located in that building. Those things are being considered. But the present order is that the new building is for accommodating the new Additional Court. All these proposals are under consideration.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Is it an upstair building ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At present it is not so proposed. But provision will be made for an upstair building.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—There is some complaint of want of accommodation, in the District Court not only for the staff but also for the Sirkar Vakil, the Receiver of the District Court and, I believe, there is complaint of want of accommodation in the District Court for securing attached moveables.

Deputy President.—But if the whole of the Taluk Office is vacated, will there be sufficient accommodation ?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Downstairs, being Treasury cannot be vacated, By shifting the Taluk Office, we will get only upstairs. If we are to provide accommodation for these offices, is it not worth while to consider the desirability of constructing a building which will accommodate all these offices and be big enough. And in that case whether the location is most suited, is the suggestion that I will throw to the Government. For my own part, I will suggest whether it is not possible to construct a building just to the eastern side of the present buildings.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Where the tennis Courts are?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Not plural. But there is an intervening space between the two arms of the press building. It is only three sides of the quadrangle. There is the 4th side which is undoubtedly covering the intervening space also. Exactly in that very place or extending northwards also, I believe, there will be accommodation enough for a commodious building which will accommodate all these. Even the Tahsildar's Office can be shifted, making the present Tahsildar's Office available or the Additional Court.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But what is the difficulty for space? Youhave already said that the College is to be shifted toAnapara. Won't that be available? It is only a suggestion. Government have said that they have provided 6 lakhs, 3 lakhs last year, and 3 lakhs this year. If that be shifted what is there for using it? Six lakhs of rupees already spent. It is going on. Only temporary arrangements would be necessary for the Court house. Big sums to be spent like this which will mean there will be so many of these buildings upon that little space which gives a little air to the buildings existing, is not good. Build a District Court building at the centre and give these buildings, off to the Taluk Office or the Secretariat or wherever it is necessary, Anchal Office. Let us have a pucca District Court building with accommodation for 3 Judges and the staff.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is the floor space available in the Rs. 16,000 worth of building.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 4,000 to 4,500 sq. ft.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—That area is available in the place that I suggested.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Another site was also suggested. That is to the eastern side of the Bar Association buildings. These things have to be considered when the designs are made.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—It is suggested that the Government will be pleased to consider the several places before launching upon actual construction.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know whether the College buildings cannot be used?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The removal of the College is not expected within 2 or 3 years.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government propose to convert the College into a technological institute. The College buildings can be used as godowns. Do you think that the people

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